

District III Advisory Board Minutes

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**December 7, 2005
7:00 p.m.**

**Wichita WATER Center
101 E. Pawnee**

The District III Advisory Board meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Wichita WATER Center at 101 E Pawnee. President Pro Temp Bill Ward led the meeting and seven (7) District Advisory Board members were in attendance. Six (6) city staff were present and approximately seven (7) members of the public, most of whom signed in.

Members Present

Teresa Cook
Matt Foley
Jim Gulick
John Kemp
Dewayne Kitchen
Gerry Myers
Jesse Sheffield
William Ward

Members Absent

Judy Dillard
Charlotte Foster
Joann Hartig
Danny Harshbarger-Youth
Jim Skelton

Staff Present

Sgt. Allen Wolf
Officer Steve Jerrell
Officer Dwain Diehl
Officer Larry Dautrich
Gary Janzen
Vicki Mork

Guests

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order

President Pro Temp Bill Ward called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Kemp (Myers) moved that the minutes from the November 2, 2005 meeting be accepted. Minutes approved on unanimous vote.

Action: Received and filed.

Staff Presentations

1. Community Policing

Wichita Police Officer, Steve Jerrell Beat 33 Patrol East reported good trends including lower rates on non-residential burglary, etc. He recommended that everyone be watchful

during the holiday season while shopping and at home. He reported on gang graffiti, MS 13 specifically, saying there had been only a few instances here in Wichita. However **Myers** reported an instance of MS 13 graffiti in the Mead Neighborhood Association area, which Officer Jerrell had not heard about.

Officer Dwain Diehl, Beat 24 Patrol South reported an increase in non-residential burglaries and gang graffiti prior to Thanksgiving. Patrol South gave out 200 turkey dinners before Thanksgiving in conjunction with Incahoots.

Officer Larry Dautrich, Beat 29 Patrol South introduced himself as the 4th Shift officer for this way south area of District III.

Sgt. Allen Wolf reported that last week 10 vehicles were stolen while warming up in the street or driveway. There is no City ordinance preventing this. In an early morning review by the Wichita Police Department 100 vehicles were spotted running, unlocked in driveways and streets. The WPD is handing out flyers informing citizens of the dangers involved in this practice.

Sgt. Wolf also passed out a flyer regarding robberies of Marlboro cigarettes at Quik Trips. They have a description of the suspect and a partial tag number. He also reported that 32 Beat non-residential burglaries are on the rise. He said a suspect had been arrested in the home invasion robbery that occurred at 700 Hunter and it appears there was a connection between the suspect and victim. **Wolf** also reported Officer Jerrell and his team have reduced accidents at the intersection of Mt. Vernon and Oliver through increase enforcement efforts.

Wolf concluded his report saying Off Phommachanh assisted with the Hilltop Neighborhood clean-up. Also said Boston Park has been tagged with Sureño 13 gang graffiti. Public Works has been extremely responsive removing the graffiti.

John Kemp observed that since the City Ordinance concerning cars left running was repealed it has caused problems for Wichita Police Department. **Sgt. Wolf** agreed and said the situation can become more serious if a child is left in the car while the parent has returned to the house for other children etc.

Recommended Action: Receive and file.

2. Public Works

Gary Janzen and Tom Ruggles with Design Construction appeared before DAB III to present information concerning proposed changes for the bike path south of Pawnee. **Janzen** clarified the bike path that runs east of I-135 is good and no changes are needed in the segment.

The proposed bike path on the west side of I-135 needs to be rerouted from the original plan. The Kansas Department of Transportation has objected to placing the bike path in I-135 right of way. Two options have been developed as possible solutions. The bike path will be a 5' concrete sidewalk in the right of way of the street and a 5' striped designated travel way for bikes at the curb of the street.

Janzen explained the red line on map is not subject to change. Option A and B cost relatively the same amount and Public Works is okay with either plan. The most negative aspect of Option A would be the loss of on street parking due to the bike travel way. Option B runs along the south side of Pawnee. The main concern is with crossing thru the entry ways to Checkers and Burger King.

Elena Ingle, 3608 Meadow Ln expressed concern about Option B due to pedestrians and bikes competing with incoming traffic at Checkers.

Michelle McKain, 2446 S Minneapolis is not in favor of Option A because she has lots of children and when they visit they need on street parking. She also explained there are lots of semi's that pull out on her street as they are leaving the bakery. She is concerned about adequate parking for other large families along her block. She thinks the truck traffic mixing with bike path traffic would not be a good thing.

John Woodrow, 1812 Glen Oaks said he lives at the corner of Minneapolis and Glen Oaks. He experiences problems with the semi trucks making it around his corner. He thinks Option A would not be good mix with the large number of semi's driving out of the neighborhood.

Terry Dobson, 1915 Glen Oaks Drive suggested running bike path along East side of I-135. **Tom Ruggles, consulting design engineer** explained historically the path was supposed to follow along West side of I-135 but space doesn't allow the path to go under the bridge to get to East side of I-135. Choosing between Option A or B is necessary because there is not enough right of way along the west side of I-135.

Gulick asked what usage of bike path would be. **Ruggles** replied saying he didn't know but Metropolitan Area Planning Department may have an estimate. **Janzen** said he thought there was information on this but he did not have it with him. He explained this bike path is part of the City's Master Transportation Plan and it is heavily federally funded. He said he sees bike path on East side being used.

Foley asked if option B would there be a straight shot down on K-15. **Janzen** said it was and reiterated that either plan could be utilized. **Myers** said with the bike path running along Pawnee and K-15 for Option B, that riders would expect traffic. **Foley** said Option B would be more desirable for power riders. **Sheffiled** suggested putting bike path on north side of Pawnee but **Janzen** felt the Pawnee and K-15 intersection was too busy to safely allow bike riders and pedestrians to cross. **Kemp** said there was too much semi-truck traffic for Option A to be viable. The main draw back for Option B were the trees that would be taken out for the path but **Janzen** said new trees would be planted to replace them.

Recommended Action: Foley (Myers) move to adopt Option B. Motion passed unanimously with a 7:0 vote.

Board Agenda

3. Updates, Issues and Reports

Gulick representing Grandview Heights says they will not have a December meeting. He reported light attendance at their Thanksgiving dinner meeting.

Cook representing South Central Progressive says they will not have a December meeting.

Myers said Mead Neighborhood Association had no meeting in November nor will they have one in December. He urged support for South City Fire Station and thanked the citizens for coming out tonight.

Foley representing Hilltop said they had a great neighborhood clean-up. He reported a woman was convicted of embezzlement from the Hilltop Coop recently.

Sheffield representing South City said they will not be meeting in December.

Kitchen representing Planeview said they will have a December meeting, December 19th but no meeting in January. Elections will be held in February and he plans to apply for 2006 clean up early in the year. Their newsletter has changed to bi-monthly distribution and it will also be bilingual. The Planeview Hispanic Neighborhood Association will have their meeting at Colvin Elementary School Saturday, December 10th at 6:00 p.m.

Kemp representing K-15 said they will not meet in December but will resume January 2006. He reports he's working with Hispanic population in the trailer park South of 31st Street.

Ward reported the Airport Board saw the plans for the new air port terminal. The completion date is 2010. KTTI is trying to build an educational program at Jabara and the funding seems to be coming together. They will know mid January if the plan is going to work out with this partnership project. The Meadowlark Neighborhood Association supports a fire station in South City.

Recommended Action: Address each item as appropriate.

4. Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting for District Advisory Board III will be January 4, 2005 at the Water Center 101 E. Pawnee at 7:00 p.m.

Adjourned

No Action Required

Respectfully Submitted,
Vicki Mork, Neighborhood Assistant

Visitors

Michelle McKain	2446 S. Minneapolis	67216
Roy Lee & Eleanor Goodwyn	1902 Glen Oaks Dr.	67216
Elena Ingle	3608 Meadow Ln	67218
C J Woodrow	1812 Glen Oaks Dr.	67216
Terry Dobson	1915 Glen Oaks Dr.	67216
Larry Barnes	1325 S. Hiram	67213